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CIVIL COVER SHEET

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FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND
ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL
NO. 21 HEALTH AND WELFARE FUND
2980 Southampton-Byberry Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154
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and

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 21 ANNUITY FUND 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA 19154

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INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 21 VACATION FUND 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA 19154

and

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 21 FINISHING TRADES INSTITUTE OF THE MID-ATLANTIC REGION 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA 19154

and

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 21 JOB RECOVERY FUND 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA 19154

and

CIVIL ACTION

NO.

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 21 SCHOLARSHIP FUND 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA 19154

and

PAINTERS DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 21 JOB ORGANIZATION PROGRAM TRUST FUND 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA 19154

and

JOSEPH ASHDALE, TRUSTEE
International Union of Painters and Allied Trades
District Council No. 21 Health and Welfare Fund
2980 Southampton-Byberry Road
Philadelphia, PA 19154

and

INTERNATIONAL UNION OF PAINTERS AND ALLIED TRADES DISTRICT COUNCIL NO. 21, 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road Philadelphia, PA 19154

Plaintiffs,

v.

APG INTERNATIONAL, INC. P.O. Box 775 70 Sewell Street Glassboro, NJ 08028

Defendant.

COMPLAINT

The Parties

- 1. Plaintiffs International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 21 Health and Welfare Fund, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 21 Annuity Fund, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 21 Vacation Fund, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 21 Finishing Trades Institute of Mid-Atlantic Region, Painters District Council No. 21 Scholarship Fund, Painters District Council No. 21 Job Organization Program Trust Fund (collectively "Plaintiffs Funds") are employee benefit plans pursuant to Section 3(3) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act (hereafter "ERISA"), 29 U.S.C. Section 1002(3), with their principal offices located 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154, within this judicial district. Plaintiff Funds are due and owing relief sought from APG International, Inc., as set forth below.
- 2. Plaintiff, Joseph Ashdale, in his capacity as a trustee of the Plaintiff Funds, is a fiduciary within the meaning of Section 3(21)(A) of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. §1002(21)(A).
- 3. Plaintiff, International Union of Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 21 is an unincorporated labor organization within the meaning of Section 3(5) of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §185 with its principal office located at 2980 Southampton-Byberry Road, Philadelphia, PA 19154.
- 4. Defendant, APG International, Inc., (hereinafter "Defendant") is a corporation doing business at P.O. Box 775, 70 Sewell Street, Glassboro, NJ 08028.
 - 5. Defendant is engaged in interstate commerce within the meaning of Section 2(6) of the

Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §152(6) and has employed members of Plaintiff Union pursuant to a collective bargaining agreement in the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania.

6. Defendant is an Employer within the meaning of Section 2(2) of the National Labor Relations Act and Section 301 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §§152(2) and 185; and Section 515 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. §§1002(5) and 1145.

Jurisdiction & Venue

- 7. Jurisdiction of the District Court is invoked pursuant to Section 301 of the Labor Management Relations Act of 1947, as amended, 29 U.S.C. §185, in that the Defendant is an employer within the meaning of the Labor Management Relations Act, and party to a collective bargaining agreement which forms the basis and substance of the matters at issue in this litigation; and 28 U.S.C. §1337, providing for original jurisdiction in civil actions that arise out of an Act of Congress regulating commerce.
- 8. Jurisdiction of the District Court is invoked pursuant to the provisions of Section 502 and Section 515 of the Employee Retirement Income Security Act of 1974 (ERISA), 29 U.S.C. §§1132 and 1145, in that Defendant is an employer as defined by ERISA. The Eastern District of Pennsylvania is the proper venue under ERISA section 502(e)(2), 29 U.S.C. §1132(e)(2), because the Plaintiff funds are administered in this judicial district.

Cause Of Action

- 9. Defendant is party to a collective bargaining agreement with the Plaintiff International Painters and Allied Trades District Council No. 21 (or has been a party to a collective bargaining agreement), which requires(d) that the Defendant make certain contributions on a timely basis to the Plaintiff Funds.
- 10. As part of Defendant's obligation under the collective bargaining agreement(s) and the Trust Agreement governing the Funds, Defendant is required to submit to periodic audits to verify the payroll figures upon which contributions are based. The Collective Bargaining Agreement, in relevant part, is attached hereto as Exhibit "A".
- 11. Since on or before July 17, 2017, Defendant has refused to submit to an appropriate audit as requested by Plaintiff Funds, by failing to provide all of the information requested by Plaintiff Funds' auditor which is reasonably necessary to the conduct of a complete and accurate audit.
- 12. Plaintiffs believe, and therefore avers, that Defendant must submit to an audit and make payment upon all unpaid contributions, interest, and penalties to Plaintiff Funds that are discovered as a result of said audit.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs request this Court to grant judgment against the Defendant and in favor of the Plaintiffs as follows:

- a. An accounting of all amounts due to the various benefit funds, based upon examination of the Defendant's payroll records;
- b. Judgment in the amount found to be due and owing after the audit; including any accrued delinquencies as of the date this claim is reduced to judgment;
 - c. Reasonable counsel fees, interest and costs of suit, including costs of audit;

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 - c. Reasonable counsel fees, interest and costs of suit, including costs of audit;

- d. Injunctive relief ordering the Defendant to submit to audits of its payroll records by an auditor of the Plaintiffs' choosing at such reasonable times as the Plaintiffs may request;
- e. Liquidated damages as provided by the applicable collective bargaining agreement(s) and by Section 502 of ERISA; and
 - f. Other relief as the Court deems just and proper.

Respectfully submitted,

SPEAR, WILDERMAN, P.C.

BY:

MARTIN W. MILZ, ESQUIRE

Suite 1400

230 S. Broad Street

Philadelphia, PA 19102

(215) 732-0101

Attorney for Plaintiffs

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Dated: November 30, 2017

EXHIBIT "A"

COLLECTIVE BARGAINING AGREEMENTS

Between

District Council No. 21 International Union of Painters and Allied Trades AFL-CIO-CLC

and the

Associated Master Painters and Decorators Inc. of Philadelphia and Vicinity

and the

Interior Finish Contractors Association of Delaware Valley

and the

Architectural Glass and Metal Association of Philadelphia and Vicinity

and the

P.D.C.A. of Northeast Pa.

and the

P.D.C.A. of Harrisburg

and the

Keystone Contractors Association

and

All Independent Employers and Associations

Starting, May 1, 2017 (Painters)
Starting, May 1, 2015 (Drywall, Glaziers & Upstate)

See Duration clause, Article 27, for EXPIRATION DATES

ASSOCIATED MASTER PAINTERS AND DECORATORS, INC. OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY, INTERIOR FINISH CONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF DELAWARE VALLEY, ARCHITECTURAL GLASS AND METAL ASSOCIATION OF PHILADELPHIA AND VICINITY, P.D.C.A. OF NORTHEAST PA, AMERICAN SUBCONTRACTORS ASSOCIATION OF CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA, P.D.C.A.-HARRISBURG and any or all Independent EMPLOYERS and Associations the Union may recognize, but who has agreed to accept and be bound by the arbitration procedures and machinery set forth above.

When a non-member signator of this Agreement is charged with violating any of the provisions or conditions of this Agreement or any other Agreement District Council No. 21 is a party to, indenture or condition related to the Collective Bargaining Agreement between the parties hereto, they shall be given the right to designate another non-member signator to the Agreement, in good standing, to sit in the place and stead of one Chapter designated member of the Board, for the purpose of hearing and determining the particular charge or charges; in such an event the Chapter shall temporarily remove one of its appointed members of the Board to give effect to the aforementioned objective. The non-member signator designee shall be vested with the same powers and authority as held by the other member of the Board.

ARTICLE 12

Security of Funds

- 12.1 Upon signing an EMPLOYER to this Collective Bargaining Agreement, the EMPLOYER must submit to the Union a complete list of all EMPLOYEES and jobs; also proof of having proper Worker's Compensation and Unemployment Insurance.
- ALL Painting, Drywall Finishing and Wallcovering EMPLOYERS are required to post a security bond; the original shall be filed with the District Council # 21 office. The amount of the bond for EMPLOYERS averaging 1 to 15 EMPLOYEES shall be \$30,000.00, 16 to 35 EMPLOYEES shall be \$50,000.00 and over 35 EMPLOYEES \$75,000.00.

ALL Glazing EMPLOYERS are required to put a bond in the following manner: 1 to 15 EMPLOYEES shall be \$30,000.00,

- 16 to 35 EMPLOYEES shall be \$40,000.00 and over 35 EMPLOYEES \$50,000.00. In lieu of a bond, a letter of credit in said amount is acceptable.
- 12.3 For All EMPLOYERS, in lieu of a minimum bond or letter of credit, the EMPLOYER eligible for the minimum coverage must deposit the sum of \$1,000.00 Per Man Per Week, by certified check to be held in escrow by the Fund Office, until such time the EMPLOYER shall produce a bond based on the above scale, or no longer employs District Council # 21 members.
- 12.3.1 EMPLOYERS working under these circumstances may be required by the Union to pay fringe benefits and deductions on a weekly basis.
- 12.4 Vacation Fund escrow will also be retained (per Article 13.4.1)

ARTICLE 13

Various Funds

- 13.1 Health & Welfare Funds: (1) The EMPLOYER agrees to be bound by all provisions set forth in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, and all amendments thereto, governing establishment and operation of the I.U.P.A.T. District Council No. 21 Welfare Fund. The Trust Agreement provides, inter alia, for the receipt of contributions by the Welfare Fund for the purpose of providing group health, medical surgical disability and other related welfare benefits to eligible workers and their families, in such form and amounts as the Trustees of the Welfare Fund may determine in conformity with the discretion vested in them under provisions set forth in the Trust Agreement. The EMPLOYER agrees to contribute for each EMPLOYEE covered by this Agreement to the Welfare Fund in the manner provided herein, in the then current amounts and for the periods as set forth in Article 5.
- 13.2 The I.U.P.A.T. Union and Industry Pension Fund and Annuity:
- 13.2.1 The EMPLOYER agrees to be bound by all provisions set forth in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, and all amendments thereto, governing establishment and operation of the I.U.P.A.T. Union and Industry National Pension Fund ("Pension Fund").

The Trust Agreement provides *inter alia*, for the receipt of contributions by the I.U.P.A.T. Union and Industry National Pension Fund for the purpose of providing pension and other related benefits to eligible workers and their families, in such form and amounts as the Trustees of the I.U.P.A.T. Union and Industry National Pension Fund may determine in conformity with the discretion vested in them under provisions set forth in the Trust Agreement. The EMPLOYER agrees to contribute for each EMPLOYEE covered by this Agreement to the Pension Fund in the manner provided herein, in the then current amounts and for the periods as set forth in Article 5.

- 13.2.2 Contributions shall be paid on behalf of any EMPLOYEE starting with the EMPLOYEE'S first day of employment in a job classification covered by this Agreement.
- 13.2.3 The payments to the Pension and Annuity Fund required above shall be made to the I.U.P.A.T. Union and Industry National Pension Fund which was established under an Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated April 1, 1967.
- 13.2.4 The EMPLOYER hereby irrevocably designates as its representatives on the Board of Trustees such Trustees as are now serving, or who will in the future serve as EMPLOYER Trustees, together with their successors. The EMPLOYER further agrees to be bound by all actions taken by the Trustees pursuant to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust.
- All contributions shall be made at such time and in such manner as set forth in this Agreement. The Trustees shall have the authority to have an independent certified public accountant audit the payroll and wage records of the EMPLOYER for the purpose of determining the accuracy of contributions to the Pension Fund.
- 13.2.6 If an EMPLOYER fails to make contributions to the Pension Fund within thirty (30) days after the date required by the Trustees, the Union shall have the right to take whatever steps are necessary to secure compliance with this Agreement, any other provisions hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, and the EMPLOYER shall be liable for all costs for collecting payments due, together with attorneys' fees and such liquidated damages as may be assessed by the Trustees. The EMPLOYER'S liability for payment under this Article shall not be subject to or covered

- by any grievance or arbitration procedure or any "no strike" clause which may be provided or set forth elsewhere in this Agreement.
- 13.2.7 The Pension Plan adopted by the Trustees of the Pension Fund shall at all times conform with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code so as to enable the EMPLOYER at all times to treat contributions to the Pension Fund as a deduction for income tax purposes.
- 13.2.8 Funds are paid to the Painters District Council 21 of Northeastern Pennsylvania Health & Welfare Fund for the members covered by Article 24 (L.U. 41, L.U. 218, L.U. 1269)
- 13.3 The I.U.P.A.T. District Council 21 Annuity Fund:
- The EMPLOYER agrees to be bound by all provisions set forth 13.3.1 in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, and all amendments thereto, governing establishment and operation of the I.U.P.A.T. District Council 21 Annuity Fund. The Trust Agreement provides inter alia, for the receipt of contributions by the I.U.P.A.T. District Council 21 Annuity Fund for the purpose of providing pension and other related benefits to eligible workers and their families, in such form and amounts as the Trustees of the I.U.P.A.T. District Council 21 Annuity Fund may determine in conformity with the discretion vested in them under provisions set forth in the Trust Agreement. The EMPLOYER agrees to contribute for each EMPLOYEE covered by this Agreement to the Annuity Fund in the manner provided herein, in the then current amounts and for the periods as set forth in Article 5.
- 13.3.2 Contributions shall be paid on behalf of any EMPLOYEE, starting with the EMPLOYEE'S first day of employment in a job classification covered by this Agreement.
- 13.3.3 The payments to the Annuity Funds required above shall be made to the I.U.P.A.T. District Council 21 Annuity Fund which was established under an Agreement and Declaration of Trust dated June 1, 1972.
- 13.3.4 The EMPLOYER hereby irrevocably designates as its representatives on the Board of Trustees such Trustees as are now serving, or who will in the future serve as EMPLOYER

Trustees, together with their successors. The EMPLOYER further agrees to be bound by all actions taken by the Trustees pursuant to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust.

- All contributions shall be made at such time and in such manner as set forth in this Agreement. The Trustees shall have the authority to have an independent certified public accountant audit the payroll and wage records of the EMPLOYER for the purpose of determining the accuracy of contributions to the Annuity Fund.
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- 13.3.7 The Annuity Plan adopted by the Trustees of the Annuity Fund shall at all times conform with the requirements of the Internal Revenue Code so as to enable the EMPLOYER at all times to treat contributions to the Annuity Fund as a deduction for income tax purposes.
- 13.3.8 Funds are paid to the Painters District Council 21 of Northeastern Pennsylvania Annuity Fund for the members covered by Article 24 (L.U. 2018, L.U. 1269).
- 13.4 Vacation Fund: (1) The EMPLOYER agrees to be bound by all provisions set forth in the Agreement and Declaration or Trust, and all amendments thereto, governing establishment and operation of the I.U.P.A.T. District Council No. 21 Vacation Fund. The Agreement provides, *inter alia*, for the receipt of contributions by the Vacation Fund for the purpose of providing vacation benefits to eligible workers and their families, in such form and amounts as the Trustees of the Vacation Fund may determine in conformity with the discretion vested in them under provisions set forth in the Trust Agreement. The

EMPLOYER agrees to contribute for each EMPLOYEE covered by this Agreement to the Vacation Fund in the manner provided herein, in the then current amounts and for the periods as set forth in Article 5.

A certified check for no less than Five Hundred Dollars (\$500.00) and no more than Two Thousand Five Hundred Dollars (\$2,500.00) shall be deposited with the Administrator of the Vacation Fund by each EMPLOYER. The Board of Trustees of the Vacation Fund shall determine the amount due from each EMPLOYER, predicated on the basis of one-twelfth (1/12) of the yearly amount of funds submitted by the EMPLOYER to the Vacation Fund in the preceding year. In addition to any other remedies available to the Vacation Fund as set forth is this Article, an EMPLOYER who is delinquent in submitting contributions to the Vacation Fund shall have the delinquent monies withdrawn from its certified check, and will be required to resubmit a new check in full covering this delinquency.

13.5 Training and Education Fund:

The EMPLOYER agrees to be bound by all provisions set forth in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, and all amendments thereto, governing establishment and operation of the I.U.P.A.T. District Council 21 Fund (hereinafter referred to as The FTI Fund). The Trust Agreement provides, *inter alia*, for the receipt of contributions by the FTI Fund for the purpose of establishing and administering a Training Program as the Trustees of the FTI Fund may determine in conformity with the discretion vested in them under provisions set forth in the Trust Agreement. The EMPLOYER agrees to contribute for each EMPLOYEE covered by this Agreement to the FTI Fund in the manner provided herein, in the then current amounts and for the periods as set forth in Article 5.

13.6 National Apprenticeship Fund: The EMPLOYER agrees to contribute the sum of five cents (\$.10) per hour for each hour for which an EMPLOYEE receives pay to the National Apprenticeship Fund. Trustees of said Fund shall remit said sum to the National Painting and Decorating and Drywall Apprenticeship and Manpower Training Fund at such regular periods of time, and in the manner and form as shall be determined by the Trustees of the National Apprenticeship Fund from time to time.

13.7 The District Council 21 Scholarship Fund:

- 13.7.1 The EMPLOYER agrees to be bound by all provisions set forth in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, and all amendments thereto, governing establishment and operation of the District Council 21 Scholarship Fund ("Scholarship Fund"). The Trust Agreement provides *inter alia*, for the receipt of remittance by the Scholarship Fund for the purpose of providing educational relief to eligible workers and their families, in such form and amounts as the Trustees of the Scholarship Fund may determine in conformity with the discretion vested in them under provisions set forth in the Trust Agreement. The EMPLOYER agrees to remit for each EMPLOYEE covered by this Agreement to the Scholarship Fund in the manner provided herein, in the then current amounts and for the periods as set. forth in Article 5.
- 13.7.2 Remittances shall be paid on behalf of any EMPLOYEE, starting with the EMPLOYEE'S first day of employment in a job classification covered by this Agreement.
- 13.7.3 The EMPLOYER further agrees to be bound by actions taken by the Scholarship Fund Trustees pursuant to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust.
- 13.7.4 All remittances shall be made at such time and in such manner as set forth in this Agreement. The Trustees shall have the authority to have an independent certified public accountant audit the payroll and wage records of the EMPLOYER for the purpose of determining the accuracy of deductions and remittances to the Scholarship Fund.
- 13.7.5 If an EMPLOYER fails to make remittance to the Scholarship Fund within thirty (30) days after the date required by the Trustees, the Union shall have the right to take whatever steps are necessary to secure compliance with this Agreement, any other provisions hereof to the contrary notwithstanding, and the EMPLOYER shall be liable for all costs for collecting payments due, together with attorneys' fees and such liquidated damages as may be assessed by the Trustees. The EMPLOYER'S liability for payment under this Article shall not be subject to or covered by any grievance or arbitration procedure or any "no strike' clause which may be provided or set forth elsewhere in this Agreement.

13.8 Board of Trustees:

As to each Fund referenced in Sections 13.1 through 13.15 of this Article, the EMPLOYER hereby irrevocably designates as its representatives on the Boards of Trustees such Trustees as are now serving, or will in the future serve, as EMPLOYER Trustees, together with their successors appointed and/or elected in accordance with provisions set forth in the Agreement and Declaration of Trust for each Fund. The EMPLOYER further agrees to be bound by all actions taken by the Trustees of each respective Fund pursuant to each such Agreement and Declaration of Trust, and to be further bound by any and all rules and regulations duly adopted by each Board of Trustees. The Welfare Fund, Vacation Fund and FTI Fund shall each be administered, pursuant to an Agreement and Declaration of Trust, by a Board of Trustees composed of an equal number of representatives selected by the AMPD, IFCA, and AGMA, and or other Associations that the Council may acknowledge, by its Board of Directors, and by District Council No. 21 in accordance with its Bylaws. A copy of the Trust Agreements, together with Amendments thereto, shall be made available upon request by the parties and shall be considered a part of this Agreement as if set forth herein at length. The said Trust Agreements and any Amendments thereto, shall provide for annual audits of each respective Fund. The payments by the EMPLOYERS of contributions to each respective Fund shall be made monthly, on or before a date and in a manner and form that shall be prescribed by the Trustees. Each EMPLOYER shall be bound to provide such information to each Fund as its Board of Trustees may require in order to verify the amount(s) of contributions due and owing by such EMPLOYER.

13.9 Auditing of Books:

Each or any of the Funds referenced in this Article may engage a certified public accounting firm to periodically audit the books and records of any contributing EMPLOYER (or contractors working in this area) for the purpose, of verifying contributions due and owing to the respective Fund and/or liabilities for contributions due and owing to such Fund. The EMPLOYER shall make available to any Fund auditor all books and records requested by the auditor and/or Board of Trustees, including, but not limited to; payroll, wage, general ledger, cash disbursement records, compensation insurance audits, and any other pertinent records deemed necessary for the purpose, of ascertaining and/or verifying payments and/or determining liabilities. Such records

shall be made available to Fund auditors upon reasonable notice. In the event such audit shall disclose for any period a deficiency in the payment reported owed and/or paid to the Fund(s) of five percent (5%) or more of the amount that should have been paid for such period under this Agreement, the cost of the audit shall be borne by the EMPLOYER. A confirmation report from the Funds will be available annually upon request by any EMPLOYER pertaining to its payments into the Funds, Industry Advancement Program and Check-Off Administrative Dues.

- 13.10 The benefit programs adopted by each respective Board of Trustees shall be described in a Summary Plan Description (if one is required by law) and made available to all eligible participants of each Fund.
- 13.11 Each EMPLOYER agrees to furnish the Board of Trustees of each respective Fund with information necessary and appropriate to verify required contributions on reporting forms to be provided by each respective Fund. Such information shall be reported each month and shall include, but not be limited to, the names, classifications, Social Security numbers of the EMPLOYEES, and the number of hours worked by each EMPLOYEE during the period or periods for which the contributions are being made.
- All EMPLOYERS from jurisdictions other than the jurisdiction of District Council No. 21 shall be subject to the above provisions contained in this Agreement and the gross payroll contributions when performing work within the geographical jurisdiction of District Council No. 21, including IAP contributions which shall be paid to the appropriate association representing that trade.
- 13.13 Delinquencies/Collection Procedures/Rights and Remedies of the Union and Fringe Benefit Funds: In addition to any rights, remedies or obligations set forth in this Agreement, each EMPLOYER shall have the obligations and the Union and each Fringe Benefit Fund shall have the rights and remedies set forth below:
- 13.13.1 All reports to the Union with respect to check-off and administrative dues, as well as amount due and owing must be filed with and paid to the Administrator of the Union and/or each respective Fund by the earlier of the thirtieth (30th) day or

last calendar day of each month following the month in which the contributions and/or check-off became due and owing.

Liquidated Damages of Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for failure to file a timely remittance report and not make a timely payment shall automatically be levied upon the delinquent EMPLOYER; Liquidated Damages of Five Hundred Dollar (\$500.00) shall be levied on the delinquent EMPLOYER in circumstances where a report is submitted in a timely manner, but the EMPLOYER has failed to pay the appropriate contribution to the Union and/or Fund and interest shall start to accrue on the delinquent amount from the due date at the rate then charged by the IRS for delinquent taxes under Section 662(a) of the I.R.C., plus one (1) percentage point in excess of such rate. Upon written petition and showing of need by an EMPLOYER who has had a collective bargaining agreement with District Council # 21 for at least two (2) years, a twenty (20) day extension for payment will be granted by the Business Manager / Secretary Treasurer. All liquidated damages paid pursuant to this Section shall be distributed pro rata to the Union (dues); the Association (IAP contributions) and the respective Funds based upon the amount of the delinquent obligation owed to each entity. Nothing contained herein shall be construed as a limitation on the right of any Fringe Benefit Fund to impose liquidated damages and/or costs of collection proceedings on a "delinquent" EMPLOYER in accordance with provisions set forth in ERISA or applicable law.

In the event the wage payments, Fringe Benefit (Fund) 13.13.2 contributions, Union Administrative Dues (Check-off) or any other payments required by any provision in this Collective Bargaining Agreement are not transmitted to the EMPLOYEES, the Union or the appropriate EMPLOYEE Benefit Fund, as the case may be, in a timely manner, in accordance with provisions set forth herein, or in the event the reporting forms relating to Union assessments and/or EMPLOYEE Benefit Fund contributions are not submitted in a timely manner as provided herein, the EMPLOYER shall be considered as "delinquent." In addition to the liquidated damages set forth in (13.13.1) above, the "delinquent" EMPLOYER shall be obligated to pay any assessments and/or interest on the debt that may be required under rules, regulations or procedures governing delinquent contributions established by the Trustees of the Various Fringe Benefit Funds identified in this labor contract and not

inconsistent with this Agreement or as may otherwise be imposed by law. Each EMPLOYER shall be bound and governed by any rules, regulations or procedures adopted by any of the Boards of Trustees or any of the Fringe Benefit Funds to which contributions are due and owing under this Agreement. The rules, regulations or procedures adopted by the Trustees of the Various Fringe Benefit Funds may require payment by a delinquent EMPLOYER of liquidated damages, assessments, interest on the debt (in an amount determined by the Trustees or by applicable law) and shall also assess against a delinquent EMPLOYER audit fees incurred during the collection, including, but not limited to counsel fees and costs. Such charges and expenses shall be paid to that entity to whom such contributions and payments are owed. The Co-Chairman of the Joint Trade Board may require any "delinquent" EMPLOYER or any EMPLOYER who has demonstrated a pattern of delinquency to submit its contributions on a weekly basis, notwithstanding any provisions set forth in this labor Agreement. In addition, the Board of Trustees of the Various Fringe Benefit Funds are empowered to adopt rules and regulations requiring any "delinquent" EMPLOYER or any EMPLOYER that has demonstrated a pattern of delinquency to furnish to the Board of Trustees a bond or other appropriate surety in an amount sufficient to protect the respective Fund(s) from any financial loss that may result from future delinquencies by any EMPLOYER that is, or has been, delinquent in its obligations to the Fund. The amount of any such bond or other surety shall be in the sole discretion of the Board of Trustees, and the Board in determining the amount of any such bond, may consider the costs related to the collection of future delinquencies, as well as contribution amounts.

13.13.3 In addition to all other remedies available to the parties and/or the various Fringe Benefit Funds with respect to "delinquent" EMPLOYERS, the Union may treat any failure by an EMPLOYER to satisfy a delinquency as a breach of this Agreement. In such event, the Union may, in addition to any other remedy that may be available to it, and without being limited by any "no strike" obligation that may appear in this Agreement or be implicit in its terms, remove its members from any job(s) of such delinquent EMPLOYER. A removal of manpower by the Union, pursuant to this provision, shall not be construed as a "termination" of this Agreement with respect to any affected EMPLOYER.

- 13.14 The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Labor-Management Cooperation Initiative
- 13.14.1 Commencing with the 1st day of May 1997, and for the duration and any renewal of this Agreement, the EMPLOYER agrees to make payments to The International Union of Painters and Allied Trades Labor Management Cooperation Initiative ("Fund") for each EMPLOYEE covered by this Agreement, as follows:
- 13.14.2 For each hour or portion thereof, for which an EMPLOYEE receives pay, the EMPLOYER shall make the then current contribution of \$.10 to the Fund.
- 13.14.3 For the purpose of this Article, each hour worked for, including hours attributable to show up time, and other hours for which pay is received by the EMPLOYEE in accordance with the Agreement, shall be counted as hours for which contributions are payable.
- 13.14.4 Contributions shall be paid on behalf of any EMPLOYEE starting with the EMPLOYEE'S first day of employment in a job classification covered by this Agreement.
- 13.14.5 The EMPLOYER and Union signatory to this Agreement agrees to be bound by and to the Agreement and Declaration of Trust, as amended from time to time, establishing the Fund.
- 13.15 The EMPLOYER hereby irrevocably designates as its representatives on the Board of Trustees such Trustees as are now serving, or who will in the future serve, as EMPLOYER Trustees, together with their successors.
- 13.16 All contributions shall be made at such time and in such manner, as the Trustees require and the Trustees may at any time conduct an audit in accordance with the Agreement and Declaration of Trust.
- 13.17 If an EMPLOYER fails to make contributions to the Fund within twenty (20) days after the date required by the Trustees, the Union shall have the right to take whatever steps are necessary to secure compliance with this Agreement, any other provision hereof to the contrary not withstanding, and the EMPLOYER shall be liable for all costs of collection of the

payments due together with attorney fees and such liquidated damages as may be assessed by the Trustees. The EMPLOYER'S liability for payment under this Article shall not be subject to or covered by any grievance or arbitration procedure or any "no-strike" clause which may be provided or set forth elsewhere in this Agreement.

ARTICLE 14

Pinpointing Funds

Fund One

Job Organization Program: Eligibility and Rules Painters, Wallcoverers

14.1 Purpose:

The EMPLOYER and District Council No. 21 agree to establish the District Council No. 21 "JOB ORGANIZATION PROGRAM" for the purpose of providing subsidies on specific jobs in order to enable contractors who are signatory to this Agreement to bid more competitively on certain projects in the marketplace. To implement the Jobs Organization Program ("JOP"), the EMLOYER and District Council No. 21 further agree as follows:

14.2 Trust Fund:

The EMPLOYER and District Council No. 21 shall establish a Trust Fund to be known as the "International Union of Painters and Allied Trades, District Council No. 21 Jobs Organization Program Trust Fund."

14.3 Purpose of Trust Fund:

The purpose of the Jobs Organization Program Trust Fund shall be to provide, in accordance with the Jobs Organization Program Trust Agreement, financial subsidies for eligible contractors. The Jobs Organization Program Trust Fund shall be the sole and exclusive source of funding for all subsidies, expenses and other charges and liabilities incurred by operation of the Jobs Organization Program and shall not be liable for such charges in excess of the assets in the Fund.